MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR : (*a*) Government have no such intention.

(*b*) Bh. Rs. 1,84,76,407.

(*c*) No.

Officers on a salary of Rs. 300 and above.

6. ✱**MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of officers on a salary of Rs 300 or more at the end of 1111 ;

(*b*) the total annual expenditure on account of their salaries in 1111 ; and

(*c*) the number of such officers and the total annual expenditure on account of their salaries under the recent revision of salaries ?

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR : (*a*) 200.

(*b*) Rs. 11,41,654.

(*c*) 145. Rs. 9,56,660.

Rationing of Sugar and Kerosene in Kunnattur.

7. ✱**MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the officer in charge of rationing of sugar and kerosene in Kunnattur taluk ; and

(*b*) the nature of supervision exercised by superior officers of rationing of sugar and kerosene ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : (*a*) The Tahsildar, Kunnattur.

(*b*) The District Magistrates and the Sugar Controller enquire into and dispose of complaints received against the actions of Tahsildars in the distribution of kerosene and sugar respectively.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : May I know whether the superior officers take action *suo motu*, even without complaint ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : Superior officers go round and supervise.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI ; Have they done it in Kunnattur taluk ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : They have done it.

Amount invested in food grains.

8. ✱**MR. XAVIER VINCENT** (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertalai*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the amount so far invested in getting down food grains and other articles of food imported by the Travancore Government ;

(*b*) under what budget head that expenditure has been incurred in 1118 and 1119 ;

(*c*) whether that expenditure has been audited ; and

(*d*) if so, whether they will lay on the table a report of the audit ?

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MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) Rs. 1313·62 lakhs (till the end of 11/1119).

(*b*) "Debt Head—III C. (a) V—Food stuff Advance".

(*c*) and (d) The expenditure is being audited by a Special Audit staff.

Transport of food grains.

9. *MR. XAVIER VINCENT: Will the Government be pleased to state what are the agencies transporting food grains and other articles of food purchased by Government to the various parts of the State from Cochin?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Government themselves are arranging the transport of foodgrains from Cochin to different parts.

Conveyance of foodgrains.

10. *MR. XAVIER VINCENT: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of country boats commandeered so far, for the transportation of food grains;

(*b*) the number temporarily or permanently released so far;

(*c*) the number under the custody of the District Magistrate on Special Duty for the purpose; and

(*d*) the agencies employed in commandeering and releasing such boats?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) and (*b*) No definite number can be given as it varies at different times.

(*c*) 582 at present.

(*d*) The District Magistrate on Special Duty and the Executive Engineer, Kottayam. Release of vallums is carried out under the orders of the District Magistrate on Special Duty.

Amount invested for the purchase and sale of foodgrains.

11. * MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount invested by Government for the purchase and sale of food grains in 1117, 1118 and 1119;

(*b*) the budget heads from which this amount was drawn to finance this business;

(*c*) the result of the transactions in the purchase and sale of foodgrains in each of the years 1117, 1118 and 1119; and

(*d*) the amount of loss or profit in each of the years 1117 and 1118?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR:

(*a*)

1117	*1118*	*1119*
Rs. 3·28 lakhs.	Rs. 386·02 lakhs	Rs. 924 32 lakhs

(*b*) "Debt Head-III C (*a*) V- Foodstuff Advance".

(*c*) The question is not clear.

(*d*) It is not possible to give the information at this stage.

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